

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A cooking utensil with a bottom wall adapted for induction heating of the type comprising:

a container made from a first material, that has integrated on the outer face of its bottom wall a heat distributing or diffusing plate made from a second, different, heat conducting material, the outer surface of the bottom wall of the container having a series of spaced projections and said heat distributing plate comprises a disc made from a ferromagnetic material provided with a number of perforations equivalent to the number of projections or lugs and appropriately distributed to allow the engagement of said disc, backed onto said bottom wall, by inserting the lugs through the perforations, leaving the disc attached to the bottom wall by riveting said projections; and

an annular partition which surrounds said outer surface of its bottom wall plane defining an open, flattened housing suitable for receiving said fitted disc, the height of the partition being slightly lower than that of said lugs and leaving the disc, once it is attached and the lugs are inserted into the holes and riveted, coplanar to the edge of said partition.

3. (Currently Amended) The cooking utensil according to claim [[1]]2, wherein said projections comprise frustoconical lugs.

4. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 3, wherein said lugs are distributed according to various concentric circumferential alignments, with at least the lugs belonging to two of said alignments having a different thickness.

5. (Currently Amended) The cooking utensil according to claim [[1]]2 wherein said container is made from aluminium obtained from injection casting and said disc backed onto the outer surface of its bottom wall is made from stainless steel.

6. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 5, wherein said container forms a saucepan.

7. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 6, wherein said container forms a pot.
8. (Currently Amended) The cooking utensil according to claim [[1]]2, further comprising a polished or grounded finish applied to the outer surface of the disc or utensil support base, once the plate or disc has been attached.
9. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 2, wherein said container is made from aluminium obtained from injection casting and said disc backed onto the outer surface of its bottom wall is made from stainless steel.
10. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 3, wherein said container is made from aluminium obtained from injection casting and said disc backed onto the outer surface of its bottom wall is made from stainless steel.
11. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 4, wherein said container is made from aluminium obtained from injection casting and said disc backed onto the outer surface of its bottom wall is made from stainless steel.
12. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 9, wherein said container forms a saucepan.
13. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 10, wherein said container forms a saucepan.
14. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 11, wherein said container forms a saucepan.
15. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 12, wherein said container forms a pot.
16. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 13, wherein said container forms a pot.
17. (Previously Presented) The cooking utensil according to claim 14, wherein said container forms a pot.

18.-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A cooking utensil with a bottom wall adapted for induction heating comprising: a container made from a first material, that has integrated on the outer face of its bottom wall, a heat distributing or diffusing plate made from a second, different, heat conducting material, wherein the outer surface of the bottom wall of the container has a series of spaced projections and said heat distributing plate is made up of a disc made from a ferromagnetic material provided with a number of through perforations equivalent to the number of projections and appropriately distributed to allow the engagement of said disc, backed onto said bottom wall, by inserting the lugs through the perforations, the disc remaining attached to the bottom wall by riveting of said projections, wherein the projections are comprised of lugs that are frustoconical before being riveted and that are deformed against the walls of the through perforations after being riveted, and the cooking utensil comprises a polished or ground finish applied to the outer surface of the cooking utensil support base once the heat distributing plate or disc has been attached to the container.

22. (New) A method of making a cooking utensil for use with induction heating comprising:

providing a container formed from a first material and having a plurality of projections comprising frustoconical lugs extending from a surface of said container;

providing a diffusion plate formed from a second material different than said first material;

forming a plurality of through perforations in said diffusion plate;

receiving said plurality of projections into said plurality of through perforations;

coupling said container to said diffusion plate by deforming at least a portion of said plurality of projections against said diffusion plate and against the walls of the through perforations; and

applying a polished or ground finish to the outer surface of the utensil support base once the plate or disc has been attached to the container.